

~~non-peroxide~~ mineral salt and water as a first application on the solid wood substrate, and

(b) a second component comprising an aqueous solution of a peroxide as a sequential application on the solid wood substrate, effective amounts of the mineral salt and the peroxide solutions occurring as sequential applications [in effective amounts] on the substrate and a colored layer on the substrate formed by the sequential applications reacting with each other in the presence of the substrate [to] thereby imparting the color to the substrate.

3. (Amended) The kit of claim 30, wherein the oxygen source is a peroxide [and both preparations consisting essentially of aqueous solutions].

21. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the aqueous solutions are applied between the freezing point and boiling point of the solutions [under the process conditions of the method].

#### REMARKS

Entry of the amendments, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The above amendments address the 35 U.S.C. 112 issues in the Office Action. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendments and allowance are requested.

As previously pointed out, the present claims are patentable over the prior art of record. The invention uniquely provides